

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 1633

For: METHODS OF TREATING AND  
MONITORING SYSTEMIC LUPUS  
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Examiner: F. Sajjadi

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 26, 2007 (Paper No. 20070212), for which a response was due on May 26, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to Sunday, August 26, 2007. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.7(a), when a filing deadline in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office falls on Saturday, Sunday or a Federal Holiday in the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding day, which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal Holiday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.